

Minutes of the Meeting
Senate Admissions and Student Aid Committee
Pat Smolinski, Chair

Date: 8 February 2006

In attendance: C. Stilley, B. Porter, W. Savage, I. Frieze, C. Lewis, and P. Smolinski

1. The meeting was opened at 12:05.
2. B. Porter gave an overview of the Options Program at Pitt. The Five Campus College Fair for University Faculty and Staff will be on 2 March 2006 from 11 am - 2 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm in the Connolly Ballroom of Alumni Hall. She mentioned that the Benefits Office now differentiates between the tuition benefit for faculty and staff and admission to the University. The Fair is an opportunity for faculty and staff to learn more about the different campuses of the University.
3. There was a general discussion regarding the process by which applicants are referred to the regional campuses and how this process has changed over time. P. Smolinski stated that he has not yet received responses from the Admissions Directors at the regional campuses in regard to a request for one or more of them to attend a meeting to review their admissions data and any other issues relevant to admissions/enrollment at the regional campuses. B. Porter said that the development and implementation of the PeopleSoft student administration system last year has changed the way that applicants to the regional campuses are counted. As a result, the number of applicants to the regional campuses is being counted differently than in past years and for this reason the Admissions Directors many not be able to appropriate comparisons for last years data compared to previous years. This should correct itself this year. B. Porter and P. Smolinski agreed to formulate a series of questions for the Directors to respond to that could then inform the committee of the issues.
4. C. Lewis asked how the University is dealing with the changing demographics of high school students. B. Porter said that the Pennsylvania demographic forecast predicts a small decline in the number of graduating high school students in the state which may be moderated by the number of students seeking to pursue higher education. She mentioned that the philosophy of the University is to recruit the most capable students nationally and the recruiting effort has been expanded through the use of alumni throughout the country volunteering as admissions representatives.
5. The group discussed information on the admissions of children of faculty and staff. The members in attendance were satisfied with the admitted students.
6. The meeting was adjourned.